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CMSP Letter 83-6

TO: County Welfare Directors  
CMSP Contact Persons

This letter will confirm information transmitted to you through an all-county telephone call on Tuesday, March 15, 1983, regarding redetermination of eligibility for the County Medical Services Program (CMSP).

Section 0703 of the CMSP Eligibility Manual specifies that CMSP eligibility continues for three successive months from the date of application, provided that the beneficiary meets all other applicable CMSP eligibility requirements. Based on an early interpretation of Section 0703, we originally informed counties that they must first discontinue all CMSP cases and then redetermine eligibility through the full application process at the end of every three month period of eligibility. Through subsequent discussions with counties, we have learned that this discontinuation/reapplication procedure is paperwork intensive, and will cause most counties to substantially over-run their CMSP administrative allocations for the January-June 1983 period. To offset such potential funding problems, we have evaluated the specific requirements and intent of Section 0703 and have determined that counties may choose to redetermine CMSP eligibility through a renewal process, rather than through the full discontinuation/reapplication process.

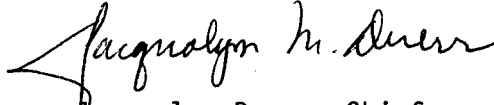
If your county has not yet discontinued all CMSP beneficiaries whose three-month period of eligibility will end on March 31, 1983, you may use the completed March status report (CMSP 176) plus the CMSP attachment to the full statement of facts (CMSP 210) to renew eligibility. Since this is an eligibility renewal process, rather than a reapplication, the face-to-face interview and completion of the full statement of facts (MC 210) and beneficiary rights and responsibilities forms (CMSP 216 and CMSP 217) are not required. If the March status report and the CMSP 210 are not returned by April 10, 1983 (or the county's normal status report cut off date), eligibility must be discontinued effective April 30, 1983. If eligibility is discontinued for failure to return the status report, the beneficiary must reapply through the standard application process outlined in Article 3 of the CMSP Eligibility Manual.

If your county has already discontinued all CMSP beneficiaries whose three-month period of eligibility will end March 31, 1983, you may rescind the discontinuances and proceed as outlined above, or you may use the renewal process outlined above to restore eligibility if the beneficiary reapplies during the month of April 1983.

Please note that this eligibility renewal process is optional and may be used in lieu of the full discontinuation/reapplication process through the end of this six-month CMSP contract period.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please call Mary Conway at (916) 323-9691.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jacquelyn M. Duerr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jacquelyn Duerr, Chief  
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Office of County Health Services and  
Local Public Health Assistance

cc: Small County Advisory Committee  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch  
Medi-Cal Liaisons